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Hutchinson, A.S.M. IT HAPPENED LIKE THIS Duell, Sloan & Pearce

By limping indirection his story gets under way, and throughout the artificiality of method and manner halt what might have been a story in the vein of Forester's *Payment Deferred* - without the trick ending. It is a story of an uncle-by-marriage whose cupidity is tempted beyond control by the realization that two small boys stand between his wife (in no iota party to the scheme) and a fortune of 50,000 pounds. Cloaking his nefarious intentions with plausible solicitude and - at each episode - plausible evidence in his favor, the uncle tries three successive times to eliminate the barrier. Only the fact that a novelist friend has been playing with the idea of himself in a story made up of incidents that he has interwoven and has arrived at a fear as to the man's plan, prevents his achievement of the aim. Accidental death saves his reputation at the end. Hutchinson has grown increasingly difficult to read. This is his low water mark. $2.50

Mangione, Jerre MOUNT ALLEGRO 1-12-43 Houghton, Mifflin

There's a feel of autobiography in this light-hearted recapturing of the spirit of the Italian-American colony in Rochester, New York, called "Mount Allegro". Jerre Mangione was born among them and one feels he is recreating his youth in the boy, Gerlando, whose "relatives" number virtually the whole colony and others back home in Sicily, where he visits. His Sicilian family stubbornly clings to native customs, manner and language, and the lad feels at home in neither world until - wholly Americanized - he can look objectively and appreciatively on the very traits he had resented. The book in the final analysis is a thinly fictionized study of the Italian in America; it is a vivid, warmly human picture of what they are today. There are colorful figures in the story and many amusing and touching incidents. It is easy reading and delightful in detail. And it should appeal to a market paralleling Jake Falstaff's *The Big Snow*. $2.50

January 5

Bell, Vereen TWO OF A KIND Little, Brown

* A fine follow-up to *Swamp Water*, which had a good critical reception and not as good a sale as it deserved. This is a direct, dramatic, tensed story of a derelict and his dog, Judas, the dog his boss didn't want, a black-hearted, bull-headed killer of a hound. The one thing Duff can do supremely well is train dogs, and he gets a job with a veteran pointer fancier, Hawthorne. There are two girls in the story, and both of them love him, - Julie, Hawthorne's granddaughter, and Delia, whom he marries. There is much of the holding quality of the James Street dog stories, with less sentiment, more brutality, and decisive fascination as the story unfolds, with its pattern of field trials, kennels, and the individuality of two potentially great dogs. $2.50

Carpenter, Margaret EXPERIMENT PERILOUS March 1943 Little, Brown

* Gothic roccoco plot with modern trappings, ably done, for - let's say - the *Rebecca* market. Contented Dr. Bailey, New York bound, meets an appealing spinster on the plane, learns enough of her story to catch his interest, finds himself obsessed with speculation about her, and suggests that she stay at his hotel. The next morning he learns she has died at her brother's home, and he determines to close the door on the incident. But chance, circumstance and curiosity, plus real apprehension, forbid him to remain inactive and he finds himself drawn deeper into the plot. From newspaper files, from friends, from meeting her brother and his wife, he pursues his search for the whole

background of her death. A mixup in luggage, the discovery of her diary, and her brother's insistence that his wife is going mad, ultimately terminate in a melodramatic climax. Logical buildup to a lurid finale, that, because of the plausibility of the telling rings true while in the process of reading. But - with some objectivity - you see it for what it is. Entertainment value, solely. $2.50

January 9

Ayres, Ruby M. LOVE COMES UNSEEN Doubleday, Doran

Bachelor-spinster solace in the story of Janet, edging on thirty, who takes a post as housekeeper to attractive Allan Playfair. A widow, gunning for Allan, and an old love of Janet's who comes unexpectedly to life put Janet and Allan through the usual rocky path of misunderstandings which keep this type of thing going. $2.00

Hewes, J. V. THE HIGH COURTS OF HEAVEN Doubleday, Doran
A Story of the R.A.F.

The saga of the R A F during the Battle of Britain and the blitz of August - September, seen through the story of one man, his fellow pilots, commanders, and the background of the airdrome. Young Oliver goes through his training, then on to Goudhurst, and into immediate aerial combat; one sees the high mortality rate growing among his fellows in the small force of men and planes, the growing ferocity of attack, and the suicidal, superhuman efforts to ward off total destruction. One follows Oliver's flight in a reconditioned Messerschmidt on a successful "target for tonight" expedition. Then hospitalization - a return to the job before he is fit - a gradual turning into a sort of machine for extermination of German planes and fliers - an assignment to break the news of the suicide of his Wing Commander to the wife. And finally death. Implicit in the record is drama, human value, good reading - condensation of a broader picture. $2.00

January ~~27~~ 26

Caspary, Vera LAURA Houghton, Mifflin

* Something more than a mystery, though it is that, too, - this is a suave, semi-psychological study of love and death which is provocative puzzlement and successful entertainment. The story of Laura is told by the three men who loved her. There's a venomous wit of fifty, man of letters, successfully portrayed. There's her fiancé, a Kentucky gallant, all surface, who knows more about her than he would have you know. There is Mark, the detective assigned to investigate her violent death, who shifts tack when Laura reappears and the murdered girl turns out to be someone else - with Laura, herself, suspect. New York is the setting for an original bit of writing. $2.50

Mysteries and Westerns

November 2

Spain, John DIG ME A GRAVE Dutton

Twisty tale in recording further criminal and illegal happenings in California, as tough William Rye manufactures evidence, evades police, tangles with racketeers, with a weakling son, a selfish, headstrong wife, a claimant daughter, to keep his boss out of trouble. $2.00

December 3

Holding, Elisabeth Sanxay KILL JOY Duell, Sloan & Pearce

* Sleek, sinister if slight entertainment as Maggie, pretty maid, accompanies her Miss Dolly to an isolated boathouse, watches Miss Dolly get in deep with a raffish set, puzzles over her past, her present, and her penchant for excitement and extravagance, and sees two men who come to fetch her murdered. Not her best, but fine fare. $2.00

January 5

Haycox, Ernest ACTION BY NIGHT Little, Brown

* Superior Western fare, as courage, stamina, headwork and heart trouble make a background for a Texan's fight to protect and hold the property given him by an ageing boss. Good going, with a different twist. $2.00

January 8

Lord, Garland MURDER PLAIN AND FANCY Doubleday, Doran

Sheila and Ken, Thespians, leave a road company to visit Sheila's Aunt Frances, and they find her dead. The murders of the village drunk and the village idiot follow and the realization that the aunt too was murdered throws suspicion on Sheila. The intervention of a young ornithologist saves Sheila from further lethal and romantic trouble. Slow boil, small town item. $2.00

REPRINTS

PocketBooks for November - Each $.25

Douglas, Lloyd C. GREEN LIGHT Stern, P. vanD. POCKET BOOK OF AMERICA

Frome, David THE MAN FROM SCOTLAND YARD Sharp, Margery THE NUTMEG TREE

Gardner, Erle Stanley THE CASE OF THE CURIOUS BRIDE

AND THESE LATE COMERS

Osborn, Mary Elizabeth DAYS BEYOND RECALL Coward, McCann

Short simple story of Catskill mountain folk, principally Gwennie, who loves her birthplace, its legends, and family history and into whose life comes Russell, with an automobile, with his background of outside towns, and with the desire to marry her. They quarrel - she defies him and sends him away - only to find unhappiness in the job she has taken to fill her time in town. Her employer frightens her in his lovemaking, and she runs home, lost and defeated, to find Russell bringing her safety and love. Concentrated, highlighted, a nice job. (Published) $1.50

Chiang, May-ling Soong LITTLE SISTER SU John Day

I confess that this seems to me too too precious an item for wartime. A fairy tale for grown-ups, published in a format intended to suggest a book for a Chinese child, tall and thin and opening out like an accordion. The illustrations had, for my untutored eye, more feel of Japanese than Chinese art. Beautiful printing and reproduction job. And the author's name will focus attention on it. (Published) $2.50

Connell, Vivian THE CHINESE ROOM Dial

Deep purple, in an uninhibited novel largely about sex, which wanders now and again into perversion, psychiatry, and Oriental eccentricities. The publishers claim affinity with D. H. Lawrence, which might be recognizable only in the very obviously exerted efforts of the characters to find physical passion. They are Nicholas, an English banker, whose wife Muriel had been consistently frigid; Sidone, his secretary and paid mistress, who is aloof, baffling, and is revealed to have a cloven hoof; Saluby, a psychiatrist, who "awakens" Muriel, the result of which ricochets on Nicholas so that by the close, husband and wife find complete satisfaction in each other. Can only see one type of market - and one reason for reading it. (Published) $2.50

Brickell, Herschel-*Ed.* O HENRY MEMORIAL AWARD PRIZE STORIES, 1942 Doubleday, Doran

This seems to be distinctly less readable than the previous Hansen collections, perhaps because there is less choice of good material this year. There is, furthermore, less literary merit than in Brickell's first editing job, further evidence that it is the effect of the times. All in all, this seems an uninteresting, uninspired group of short stories. Martha Foley's collection for Houghton, Mifflin - *Best Short Stories - 1942* - has quite an edge on this one. Good names - and less good stories - include Kay Boyle, David DeJong, Faulkner, Nancy Hale, Steinbeck, Josephine Johnson, etc. Prize stories introduce a newcomer, Wilbur Schramm, in third place; Eudora Welty and Wallace Stegner, both established writers, occupied first and second places respectively. (11/13) $2.50

Aldis, Dorothy POOR SUSAN Putnam

In the tradition of the *Junior Miss* stories - of *Babs, Sub Deb*, of Maudie and her ilk, this is a story of Susan and her family, her brother and twin sisters, her pangs of embarrassment, growing social awareness, her mishaps, sorrows, fears and joys. There is a background of her parents' mutual understanding, the almost fatal sickness of a schoolmate's mother, the twins' stealing a teacher's watch, her brother's making her dinner party a success, boy trouble - all pleasant, likable, family sort of reading. Same market as Benson and Lorimer, but not quite up to that level. (Published) $2.00

NON-FICTION

TWO IMPORTANT LATE ARRIVALS

Millay, Edna St. Vincent THE MURDER OF LIDICE Harper

In all frankness, one must acknowledge that - were this not by a poet whose name means fame sales, the poetic drama written as straight good propaganda would hardly merit a place on the shelves with her creative work. A modern ballad, written in white heat of indignation over the most brutally dramatic instance of German savagery on a large scale, the murder of the men, the enslavement of the women and children, and the destruction of the town of Lidice, in Czechoslovakia, because of suspicion that the people of Lidice had secretly harbored the slayers of the Nazi butcher. Miss Millay, absorbed in work on the projected collection of her lyrics, scheduled for November publication, paused to make her contribution to the project of the Writer's War Board to immortalize the name of Lidice. The radio version was given over the air on October 19th. Here, in paper bound format, is the printed text. It has the power of its subject, of its sincerity; as poetry, it is not exceptional. $.60

COLLECTED LYRICS, uniform in size and style with COLLECTED SONNETS - 2 vols. boxed $5.00

And Another Late Comer

Freeman, Douglas Southall LEE'S LIEUTENANTS Scribner

* No advance material on this, so you will have seen the reviews before this reaches you. Sorry, but we are sure you would have stocked the book on the basis of the author's *R. E. Lee*. In this new project, he is issuing volume one of this multiple biography of the Civil War of the prominent figures in command; the period covered is Manassas to Malvern Hill. Don't look at this as a fragmentary piece of historical and biographical work. It stands on its own as a brilliant piece of scholarship, enlivened - as was the *Lee* - with a sense of personalities, drama, conflict, a psychological as well as a factual and human history of the war, the times, and the complex interrelations. Beauregard, Johnson, Magruder, Hill, Garnett, Stuart, Ewell, Smith, "Stonewall" Jackson, Longstreet - these are the main figures of the period.

$5.00

A DARK HORSE

November ~~25~~ 24

Fromm, Bella BLOOD AND BANQUETS: *A Berlin Social Diary* Harper

Some of this material has appeared in Harpers' Magazine, and already you may have had inquiries about its appearance in book form. There is a strange, impelling fascination about this glimpse behind the scenes of the social and diplomatic life of Berlin, as the Hitler regime came into power and gathered momentum. Bella Fromm, member of a well-to-do and prominent Jewish family, became a society reporter on an Ullstein paper. Hampered by restrictions on what could be said and could not be said in her column, she salved her conscience by keeping a diary, and - as censorship grew stricter - she sent the diary, piecemeal, out of Germany. It covers the years from 1932 -38, when she left Germany, only to find that she was being shadowed by Nazi agents in America. To this period brief space is given, as she tells - with no intent to dramatize herself, of how she was under enforced police protection until the Nazi ring was rounded up. The bulk of the book is the Berlin diary, an intimate, discerning panorama of the encroachments of the Nazi shadow. She saw industrialists and socialites coming under the power; she saw journalists and diplomats trying to ignore or disdain or dispute the rising tide; she saw the ugly personal side, the married lives and the families of these new rulers, the progress of racial discrimination, the social shenanigans, and so on. Detailed and graphic and new in approach. But better read in bits from time to time, as - read at a stretch, it seems repetitious and overburdened with personalities that actually were to her symbols of what she sensed, but to the reader slow the narrative value. The directory of names at the end should prove a useful reference tool. The first material of this kind from so feminine a slant. $3.50

Three Special Items for Special Notice

Dorothy Thompson's shortwave broadcasts to Germany here revamped into book form, - LISTEN, HANS (Houghton, Mifflin); the record of the conversations with Gandhi last Summer, already familiar to some readers through Life Magazine, - A WEEK WITH GANDHI, by Louis Fischer (Duell, Sloan & Pearce). And don't overlook a contribution to the shelf of 1942 history, THE YEARS OF ENDURANCE, by Arthur Bryant (Harper). See below.

PROBLEMATICAL BOOKS - Non-Fiction

Early November

Feuer, Leon I. WHY A JEWISH STATE? Richard R. Smith

A brief book motivated quite obviously by the author's own absorption in the Zionist movement. He is a young Reformed Rabbi in Toledo, Ohio, an ardent Zionist, visualizing the Jews as a nation as well as a religious group. In this book he presents the present day aims of his group, in simple, direct fashion. He gives a brief survey of the history of the Jewish people; he stresses the need of a homeland and that homeland, Palestine; he asks that it be made an autonomous state, refuge for the homeless Jewish refugees. But he ignores the other side of the picture, does not recognize the problem of the Arabs' rights and claims, and assumes that the Jews, as a whole, are interested in and capable of building a nation. A book of limited appeal. $1.00

Early ~~November~~ January 1943.

Harrison, Margaret CAPTAIN OF THE ANDES Richard R. Smith

This is a biography of José de San Martin, the Argentine leader of the Revolution in the South, and the biographer pictures him as unselfish, ascetic, reserved, self-denying - a "saint of the sword", while Bolivar is pictured as selfish, egotistical, bombastic and crafty and directly responsible for San Martin's withdrawal from leadership and his retirement from public life and eventual exile, driven by slander and political attack to France, where he lived his last years, poor, embittered, misunderstood. The outline of his life - son of a Captain in the Spanish Army and brought up in Spain, going back to South America at personal sacrifice at the age of 34 to aid in the Revolution and becoming the foremost leader of the armies of the South, until such time as he felt it necessary, for the cause, to relinquish this leadership to Bolivar - all this is thinly etched, while the emphasis is put on general historical, social and political background. Fairly good reading, though one could wish for a more rounded picture of the man. Illustrated and indexed. $3.00

November 10

Leacock, Stephen HOW TO WRITE Dodd, Mead

Good blast of fresh, invigorating air for writing courses, as Leacock, with an ear for absurdities and an eye for human failings in reading and writing, talks pleasantly about the art of writing, which he thinks available to anyone who can think. No hand-guide-book this, but wholesome investigation of how to start, of grammar, words, language, sentences, narration and description, slang, characterization, and various types of writing. He offers easily understood signposts of what to do and what not to do. Serious, basically, but the commonsense is plumpudding full of gay illustrative material. For Leacock fans - and for a general audience interested in the topic. $2.50

Announced for ~~November 10~~ January 5, 1943

Talbot-Booth, E.C. MERCHANT SHIPS: 1941 Macmillan

Famous standard book, more than ever important this year, as this revised edition gives not only detailed data on merchant ships the world over, but a pertinent section on German Aircraft Recognition Silhouettes, - front, side and bottom views, and essential information on type, dimensions, speed, armament, special features. Illustrated with 150 photographs and 2,400 drawings. $19.00

~~November~~ 12 1943

Ewen, David DICTATORS OF THE BATON Alliance

Incisive, interpretative profiles of leading conductors in present-day America, and of their orchestras. This supplements the author's *The Man With the Baton*, includes Toscanini, "the greatest musical interpreter", whose humility, generosity, fabulous memory and artistic genius make him a living legend; Stokowsky, artist and circus performer at once; Koussevitsky, romanticist; Bruno Walter, aesthete; Damrosch, inadequate performer but super-salesman; Iturbi, Beecham, Ormandy, Barbirolli, radio popularizers and so on - 30 in all. Good reading, sharp commentary, amusing anecdotes. $3.50

~~November 12~~ December 7

Wolf, Anna W.M. OUR CHILDREN FACE WAR Houghton, Mifflin

This will conflict with Dorothy Baruch's *You, Your Children and War* (Appleton-Century - Page 466) to some extent, though the focus is more definitely on child psychology and less on parent education, thus cutting less deeply into the problems involved. The assumption here seems to be that - given the blueprint, the parent can follow it. Children can face it with a calm, secure home; discipline must be maintained; children should be given ways to participate and help. The author discusses the merit and drawbacks of evacuation, and the lessons to be derived from the English experience. Finally, stress is putting on teaching democracy - not hatred. Solid sense, from an authority on child guidance, a member of the staff of Child Study Association. $2.00

November 13

Roberts, W. Adolphe THE U.S. NAVY FIGHTS Bobbs-Merrill

This is virtually a history of the navy through individual accounts of certain of its fighting ships during successive wars, from the Constitution to the Lexington, including the obvious ones and many less familiar. Chronologically, by wars, each chapter deals with an individual ship. The American naval tradition of offensive, in carrying the war to the enemy, the progressive changes in shipbuilding, in strategy; the lessons of failure in the present war; the failure to recognize fully the importance of air power. This does not give the dramatic personalized account of individual deeds, men and battles found in such books as *None More Courageous* (Page 524), but it is an easy, pleasant way to absorb naval history. (Author of *The French in the West Indies*) $2.75

November 16

Byas, Hugh GOVERNMENT BY ASSASSINATION Knopf

A prominent authority on the Far East, when asked which of the correspondents writing on the Orient today was best, in his opinion, said, "Hugh Byas". This book would seem to bear out the claim, for no one could read it without realizing that here is a scholar speaking, a man who knows the historical and biographical background of Japan, thoroughly enough to reinterpret it from a fresh angle. This book should prove a valuable asset for students of the Orient. I question whether it will catch the imagination of the man in the street, for it is a thoughtful, objective, undramatic weighing of the elements that distinguish Japanese fascism from European. He traces the steps by which the "feudal fire-eating Mr. Hyde had become the master of the suave and plausible Dr. Jekyll". Through the personalities of some of the leaders, he shows the gradual assumption of power by the army, controlled by the young officers; he explains the growth of the patriotic societies, nurseries of fanatics; the growing affinity between patriotism and crime; the ideological debt to Nazi Germany; the place of the Emperor as man, figurehead, symbol, high priest. He concludes that there is no chance of revolution from within; that Japan must be shown conclusively that war does not pay, and driven out wherever she has taken hold; and that peace settlements must change the balance in the Far East. $3.00

~~November 19~~ December 7

Herzberg, Max J.; Paine, Merrill P.; HAPPY LANDINGS Houghton, Mifflin
Works, Austin M. *editors*

Top skimming of good aeronautical assembly, proving once more that aviators seem singularly gifted in expression. This is a collection of extracts from books, stories and articles, - aviation from R.A.F to aero neurosis, from five miles high to desert flight, from the challenge to America in this war to the anatomy of an airplane and ground training, from the world from the air to commercial transportation, from the helicopter to flying a bomber to Britain, from test piloting to cadet training. For those inclined towards anthologies, this is a thrilling one. $2.50

Weigert, Hans W. GENERALS AND GEOGRAPHERS Oxford

There are two new books on geopolitics in this one bulletin (the other is *The World of General Haushofer* - Page 470). This, while not so broad in scope, is better reading for the average layman. Weigert defines geopolitics as "the science of using geographical factors for better understanding of politics". He goes back to its roots, forward to the relatively contemporary Spengler, and then concentrates on Haushofer and his theories. He stresses particularly Haushofer's insistence on an alliance between German and Russia, feeling that Russia's open spaces preclude the possibility of meeting her as an opponent. Haushofer also projected a transcontinental block with Japan, and minimized the geopolitical importance of the United States. Various aspects of his theory - lebensraum, population pressure, etc. are discussed, and his conclusions, a crude religion of power politics and factual data, are weighed. For some reason, the public has seized upon the subject of geopolitics; this should get that market. $3.00

November 20

Glesinger, Egon NAZIS IN THE WOODPILE Bobbs-Merrill

Hitler's plot for essential raw material is revealed in this story of his attempts to corner the world lumber market. Wood is the background of the Nazi war economy: - food, transport fuel, clothes and other essentials are evolved from wood. Glesinger shows how under Goering, Heske and von Monroy, Germany built up a gigantic lumber trust, making a peaceful penetration country by country, and secured a sufficiency of this vital war material. He closes with a brief for post war control, vested in the hands of the U. S. Interesting, if somewhat specialized in market. $2.00

Angell, Norman LET THE PEOPLE KNOW! Febr ~~[illegible]~~ B of M co-selec. Viking

* This should go far towards clarifying misapprehensions and antagonisms on many points in the great debate now taking place the world over between "the experts" and "the people". The author of *The Great Illusion* maintains that a good peace can only come by spread of understanding to the mass of people whose commonsense, properly informed, will prevail. He propounds a list of questions on which the majority are ill-instructed:- isolationism, international cooperation, the sacredness of the independence of small nations, the problem of India, British imperialism - and in clear-cut fashion gives the answers for the man in the street. Excellent handbook. $2.50

Denny, Harold BEHIND BOTH LINES Viking

A personal narrative of a correspondent's brief war and prison experiences during the last year. Good enough reading - though of minor importance. Denny was stationed in the Western Desert, witnessed the British attempt and failure to drive into Libya, and was captured by Rommel and turned over to the Italians for imprisonment. From Derna to Rome, where, with the outbreak of war, he became the first American prisoner of war.

The Gestapo borrowed him for five weeks and sent him to Germany; he was then returned to Italy and endured discomforts but no drastic hardships - and eventually returned, under an exchange arrangement, on the Drottningholm. Adequate. $2.50

November ~~20~~ 27

Broch, Theodor (mayor of Narvik) THE MOUNTAINS WAIT Webb Book Publ. Co.

The one-time mayor of Narvik tells the story of invasion and resistence simply and effectively. He came to Narvik as a young, impecunious lawyer; soon became a vital part of the village, and, to his surprise, was chosen Mayor. He gives an understanding picture of the people, humble, reserved, with an inherent sense of social justice and responsibility. The first signs of encroachment came with unexplained tourists, then outright fifth columnists, and finally invasion, unsuspected by "these good, dumb, democratic hearts". He traces active and passive opposition, the freeing of Narvik when the French Foreign Legion occupied it successfully, and finally the devastation of Nazi reprisal. Broch, long under suspicion for signalling British ships, escaped during the final days to Sweden, thence to America. (Published in St. Paul) $3.00

November 24

Erskine, John THE PHILHARMONIC-SYMPHONY SOCIETY OF N.Y. 1917-1942 Macmillan

Commemorative volume of the 100th anniversary, repeating some of the information now unavailable which appeared in the 50th and 75th memorials. A summary of years ofachievement, tracing the origin of the group, the first concert, the development of a permanent orchestra, this tells where it played, what its importance was and is, who the personalities have been that contributed to its growth; the conductors, music unions, budget, work at the Stadium, in radio, on records etc. A tribute to perfect teamwork between orchestra and individuals. $2.00

November 25

Babson, Roger W. LOOKING AHEAD FIFTY YEARS Harper

Famous forecaster, in question and answer procedure, outlines the possibilities of the next 50 years as he sees them, whether in victory, defeat or stalemate. If you know your Babson you will recognize the fundamental thesis is that "the important thing is to keep in the middle of the road, remembering that both the right and the left are usually wrong". Among subjects considered, these: - is a collapse coming, what new industries are developing, continuation of government spending, reformation in education, restriction of voting, power of labor rule, scientific forecasting, chances for small business man and farmer, probability of world peace, practicability of Jesus' economics, possibility of economic security, etc. Conservative market! $2.00

Bryant, Arthur THE YEARS OF ENDURANCE 1793-1802 1943 Harper

* I hope this is made to look as interesting as it is, for the title gave me no hint of the fascination of the material and the aliveness of the handling. In August a book was published entitled *Napoleon at the Channel* by Carola Oman (Page 254-Doubleday). It was lively reading - a period piece, showing England in the throes of dread of Napoleon's invasion, but going its own way. This book is an expansion of that idea; it is more than a social history - in fact it is a serious study of the years when Revolutionary France was coming into conflict with Europe, and when Napoleon was beginning to grasp and hold, years in which England gained and lost wars and battles; years in which friends and foes played change about; years which ended with the empty Peace of Amiens. Again Britain showed its virtues under adversity - but Bryant is not blind to its vices. Parallels for today need no elaboration - in the corruption and breakdown of society, the denial of freedom of speech, the orgies of sadistic cruelty, the mass hatred, the

denial of morality, the use of fifth columnists and Quislings. Old facts are refocused in the light of present experience. Some historians will feel that Bryant overstrains his parallels, is too eager to show Napoleon another - more gifted - Hitler. I found particularly interesting the waves of isolation, of appeasement, the unpreparedness, the early Munich as Malmsbury's mission to secure a "Jacobin peace" brought dismay to stout British hearts. Then there was Irish unrest, and the beginnings of hegemony in Southern India - more links with today. Vigorous historical writing, with good pace, good balance. Illustrated with halftones. $3.50

November 2~~5~~4

Fuller, J.F.C. DECISIVE BATTLES OF THE U.S.A. Harper

A retired Major General of the British army surveys incidents, strategy, campaign, engagements, men and operations, in one volume, of eleven important lessons war should have taught us and the military of the world. Each battle is preceded by a synopsis of the years leading up to it, which gives historical continuity. The material is drawn from eyewitness accounts, so far as possible, and goes back to Trenton, Princeton, Bennington, and forward to the Meuse-Argonne in 1918, roughly 21 in all. For armchair strategists, as well as for military experts. Illustrated with maps and plans. $4.00

Gesell, Dr. Arnold & Ilg, Frances L. INFANT AND CHILD IN THE CULTURE OF TODAY 1/5 Harper

The Yale Clinic of Child Development has supplied the background for this authoritative contribution to the subject with definite value to the lay mother as a factual inventory and as a liberal perspective on formative years. Natural growth characteristics of infant and child traced and brought into harmony with culture. Twelve age periods from birth to elementary school are taken, with typical traits and growth trends, charts on expected behavior in feeding, elimination, sleep, sociability, cultural activities, etc. Important as a gauge to normal growth processes. $3.50

Harlow, Rex F. PUBLIC RELATIONS ~~AND~~ SOCIAL ACTION In War and Peace 12/9 Harper

An authority in the field tries to make out a convincing case for public relations as a science and an art; he maintains that public relations should be honest and truthful in the public interest (but unfortunately, as practised today, public relations is actually telling the best possible story for *your* side). The information on the machinery of newspapers, magazines, radio, etc. is useful for the student, and the author has managed to keep it interesting reading and not too pedagogical. The discussion of the power of public opinion is timely. $3.00 ✓

Reilly, Wm. J. HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR HUMAN RELATIONS 12-9 Harper

The head of the National Institute of Straight Thinking presents the fourth of his self help books for those who would "win friends and influence people". His blueprint on improving human relations seems a trifle devious to one accustomed to a straight path; maybe he is right in claiming that one should first of all listen and agree and give the other fellow a chance to say his all, before trying to set him right. But in the main his advice on confidence, on the importance of bolstering a sense of belief in self, on avoiding methods of force etc. seem sound. $2.50 ✓

Singh, Rev. J. A. & Zingg, Prof. Robert M. WOLF CHILDREN AND FERAL MAN Harper

A volume for basic reference for psychologists, sociologists, etc., supplementing the material contained in Arnold Gesell's *Wolf Child and Human Child* of last

year. Here, without interpretation, is the complete diary of the missionary who found Kamala and Amala and brought them to his orphanage. Dr. Zingg has compiled all other recorded cases of "feral man" or extreme isolation, - Wild Peter, Clemens of Overdyke, Caspar Hauser, and other strange records. Highly specialized market. $5.00

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Jansen, John B. & Weyl, Stefan THE SILENT WAR Lippincott

Accredited agents in anti-Nazi movements tell of the ten year opposition inside Germany to Hitler and his government, based on their own knowledge and on conclusions drawn from interpretation of official Nazi reports and methods. There is the story of the inner front, from its early days to the present, with the quarters, organization, outside contacts, frontier secretaries, and the dangerous life of the underground members - told in detail that has an authentic feel. Today the Nazi propaganda front has permitted admission of the existence of internal troubles, and the authors feel that the situation is ripening for psychological attack, leaflets, statements of war aims as regards the future of the German people - coupled with bombings, military offensive and unrelenting warfare. Picture of what has been done and what is to be done, with perhaps the best rounded (to date) report on these vital activities, among churches, trade unionism, youth groups, and so on. $2.75

Strasser, Otto & Stern, Michael FLIGHT FROM TERROR McBride

The autobiography of the leader of the Black Front, in more personal detail than his earlier *Hitler and I*. The book opens with Strasser's reluctant association with the embryonic Nazi group in opposition to postwar Communism, only to break with Hitler over the socialistic aims of the party. From disfavor to pursuit, as Strasser declared himself an open adversary, attacking all members of the Party, organizing the Black Front, he was forced to hide out across Europe, his life in peril. During this time his wife was tortured, his brother murdered. Sensational handling - but we doubt very live interest in another Strasser book. $3.00

Crowninshield, Frank VOGUE'S FIRST READER Messner

A sophisticated, often light, sometimes chichi, but on the whole very entertaining mammoth motley of material that has appeared in *Vogue*. There are articles on all sorts of things: - the arts, personalities, travel, biography, reminiscences, humor, food, places, the war - written by practically the whole gamut of periodically and popularly inclined writers. Rebecca West, Rex Stout, Ilka Chase, Irwin Edman, Oscar Levant, Ernest Hemingway, Jules Romains, Patricia Strauss, Mary Ellen Chase - to name a few. $3.50

Thompson, Dorothy LISTEN HANS! 11/27 Houghton, Mifflin

The impression conveyed by the publishers' advance information is that this is an expansion of Miss Thompson's shortwave broadcasts to Germany, by way of fulfilling her promise to a German friend of pre-war days to keep contact. Through these broadcasts for months she conveyed to listeners - in the facts the Nazis kept from their people, facts dealing with Germany, actual conditions, methods, brutalities to conquered people, hopelessness of the victory promised by Hitler, and so on, as well as the facts they do not know about the broadening circle of preparedness around them, as America's might girds itself to the fight. All of this is included - but the book is much more for the first half is a development of Miss Thompson's own approach to the problem, through historical analysis, a searching into the whys and hows of the Third Reich, and the fallacies. She studies also the social structure of Germany, pointing out which class must be re-educated before Germany can take her place in the comity of nations. She believes it is to these people that the right sort of hope, propaganda if you will must be held, a clarification of those things for which we fight. Clear-cut-challenging reading. $2.00

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Whittlesey, Derwent GERMAN STRATEGY OF WORLD CONQUEST Farrar & Rinehart

Here - through their own writings - we have the blueprint for Germany's world domination, - the design for the conquest of Europe and the rule of the conquered nations, and from that the spread to the rest of the world. The program of the German geopoliticians, the writings of Kant, Fichte, Hegel, Nietsche, Frederick the Great, all have been combed for the evidence. Had this material been viewed realistically, the world might have been prepared for *Mein Kampf*, for the play with Russia, with Japan, for the attack at Pearl Harbor. Much more than a scissors and paste job, this is really a critical appraisal and a creative approach. It should be must reading for the unaware politician and stateman of today. $2.50

Dorian, Frederick THE HISTORY OF MUSIC IN PERFORMANCE Norton

The assistant professor of music at Carnegie Institute of Technology writes learnedly for the trained musician, not for the new vast audience for music. Musicological research this, into the texture of meanings behind the score. Through history, through all aspects of music (composition, singing, intrumental music, dance types, orchestral music, opera,) he surveys the interpretation and reinterpretation of the originator's meanings. His scope is immense - from the early classicists to the future of television, with jazz and swing a passing phase. For technicians, workshop musicians, and the few laymen highly versed in musical appreciation. He closes with an analysis from his peak, of The Star Spangled Banner. $4.00

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Diver, Maud ROYAL INDIA Appleton-Century

This is a sympathetic historical and biographical study of those states of India under the rulers who are, in their own right, Princes supreme in their powers. In the complications of the Indian question, these literally hundreds of Princes and states, varying in size and strength, but numbering among their inhabitants some eighty million people, are often put aside. The Princes are loyal to the Crown and Empire, and not anxious for changing their allegiance to an independent, unprotected India, dominated by the Congress Party. The counter-suggestion advanced of a redivision of India into states ruled by chosen Princes will find few sympathizers. But the colorful biographies of the Princes themselves makes lush, dramatic reading. $3.50

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Hawthorne, Hildegarde CALIFORNIA'S MISSIONS Appleton-Century

Another E. H. Suydam book is almost too much to expect, but here it is, and a book with a sure market, not only in the California region, but wherever travelers know and love the California missions. The text starts with a general chapter, giving the beginnings of the Spanish settlement of Alta California in the mid-18th century, and of the founding of the first missions under Juniperro Serra. The long, hard trips up and down the coast, exploration, slow filtering of settlers from Mexico. Then the early building of missions and the work under Serra, the relations between missions and Indians and Spanish governors. The balance of the book deals with the missions separately, describing their present appearance, and following their history. There are 20 in all. They are described lovingly, occasionally verging on the sentimental; the picture left by the book is vivid and picturesque; but the style is often awkward, and the author obtrudes too often. The Suydam illustrations will make this an important gift item for the Christmas trade. $5.00

Late November

Kotschnig, Walter M. SLAVES NEED NO LEADERS Oxford

The author, formerly general secretary of the International Student Service at Geneva, now a professor at Smith here surveys education between ways throughout the world and outlines what will have to be done after the war. In France, England and the U.S.A. there has been a step towards democratization of education; in Germany, totalitarianism has brought only anti-intellectual, irrational, destructive forces into play; in Russia they are succeeding in correlating education and life. The conquered countries and education under Hitler; post-war reconstruction, problems that must be faced - these are the subjects of the balance of the book. $2.75

December 1

Hunt, Rockwell D. JOHN BIDWELL *Prince of California Pioneers* Caxton

Biography of a gentle, modest, religious, loyal man who knew his adopted state through its Hispanic days, the pre-gold era, the boom years, and the subsequent development into its permanent place of importance. Born in New York state, he spent a short time in his youth as a teacher, and then headed west by immigrant train, experiencing all frontier adventures and finding work with Sutter on his arrival. He was friendly with the Indians, he had a hand in the gold discovery, acquired land of his own, and became a figure of importance, politically and locally. Laudatory biography, and not what you would call inspiring reading. Destined largely for local sale. $3.50

Fischer, Louis A WEEK WITH GANDHI Duell, Sloan & Pearce

"Irrevocable and complete political withdrawal" - this is the basis on which Gandhi stands and which made it impossible to come to terms with the proposition presented by the Cripps' mission. Louis Fischer, famous international reporter, was permitted a week in the guest house near Gandhi's headquarters, and daily interviews with the great Indian leader. He kept virtually a stenographic report of his conversations, livened with personal comments, swift pen pictures of Gandhi and his followers, as he encountered them that week last June. One follows the workings of Gandhi's mind, which - as Fischer says - is the reason for misapprehension only too often, for Gandhi thinks and speaks simultaneously, and sometimes subsequent statements seem to contradict previous ones, while actually he has simply shared his process of reasoning to a point with his hearers. The most striking evidence of this during Fischer's stay was his expansion of his basic position to indicate that he had, reluctantly, reached a point of accepting the inevitability of India continuing to be a military base for United Nations. He supplemented other much quoted statements, too; for instance, that dealing with his negotiations with Japan, once India was free - which he said he would like to think possible but realized would not be possible. He and Nehru agree in feeling that religious differences will be merged, once freedom is granted, that Pakistan is only a bargaining card with England, and so on. Exciting reading, as yet another facet of this tragic, complex problem. Fits into pattern with Mitchell and Raman. $2.00

December ~~8~~ 9

Cooper, Kent BARRIERS DOWN *A Story of the News Agency Epoch* Farrar & Rinehart

General Manager of the Associated Press records here the long struggle for freedom of international news, in which he participated from the start. That was in 1914, when Reuters in England, Havas in France and Wolff in Germany controlled world news and held a powerful monopoly. The A.P. decided to break it, first in South America, then in Europe, finally in the Far East. Step by step tracing of policies formed, of

board discussions, of negotiations, until agencies were established and their objectives gained. Not of wide interest for the layman, but of documentary value for the press. $2.50

~~Early December~~ January 20th

Rodgers, Cleveland NEW YORK PLANS FOR THE FUTURE Harper

A report on the city of New York, past, present and with future needs outlined; not for the layman. Factual, historical survey of livelihoods, real estate, city government, taxation through the years. The second part takes up public works accomplished under the La Guardia regime, in particular the work of the New York City Planning Commission; housing, traffic, business, industry, parks and playgrounds, progress which needs to be carried on further. Specialized market. $3.00

December ~~10~~ 17

Dorpalen, Andreas THE WORLD OF GENERAL HAUSHOFER: *Geopolitics in Action* Farrar & Rinehart

This is a book for the student, who wants to have his source material at hand. Substantial excerpts from the writings of the geopoliticians accompany each chapter, so that one gets an impression of theoretical discussion and quotation from sources in constant balance. For the average layman this makes the book more difficult reading than the Weigert book (reported on page 564). This is a more thorough coverage of theory and background, though in relation to the title one might say it is more of the "world" and less of "General Haushofer". Abstract postulates of geopolitics are analyzed, and the steps by which Haushofer's policies became incorporated into the Nazi plan of conquest, into their economic policy, their population policy. As for the market - the same comment holds true (as on Page 564). $3.50

~~January 4~~ February 11

Schwarz, Leo W. *Ed.* MEMOIRS OF MY PEOPLE Farrar & Rinehart
Through a Thousand Years

The publication of this third anthology of Jewish literature is, in itself, evidence that a market for it has been established. Personally, I found this the most interesting of the three, for through this gallery of self portraits, from the early 11th century to the present, one can trace many aspects of the Jew as a personality. One reads, in these extracts from diaries, memoirs, autobiographies, letters, the spirit of mysticism, the cosmopolitan character of the Jew, pleasant reminiscences of family life, reminiscences often not so pleasant of persecution and sorrow. But one gets the human element in the stream of Jewish life and history. There are 59 selections. I could have wished for the inclusion of some less esoteric, more orthodox. But then I cannot pretend to a knowledge of the wealth of material from which he had to choose. $3.75

January 8

Rizk, Salom SYRIAN YANKEE Doubleday, Doran

A Syrian who became an American tells his life story in testimony of his new country, the land of promise which became fact. His testament of faith in America reenforces what so many native-born Americans forget, the traditions for which the U.S.A. stands. The Turkish terror left him stranded at the age of twelve; he wandered here and there, until he was befriended by a schoolmaster who located a father and brother in America. Various delays prevented his joining them in Sioux City until his late teens, when he determined to become Americanized, to learn the language, to go through High School, He achieved his goal, and when the depression came, he bested it with the policy of his shoe shop which serviced the poor and brought him the freedom he had won. The author is lecturing this Fall. Follow P W for his schedule. $2.75

Brief Reports on Late Arrivals

Kent, Rockwell ON EARTH PEACE American Artists Group
vanLoon, Hendrik Willem CHRISTMAS SONGS American Artists Group

Two "stocking books" for Christmas card type of sale. The Rockwell Kent is the more attractive looking book, better format and reproduction. But the modern fairy tale seems to me pretty obvious and not particularly appropriate to the season..... The van Loon booklet, on the other hand, though a disappointing piece of bookmaking, should be a favorite as a tiny gift overseas, for it contains words and music, arranged by Grace Castagnetta, for 7 familiar carols. And a graceful message by Van Loon to those who are spending Christmas far from home. Each $.50

Kloss, Phillips REALIZATION Caxton

First collection of poems, as "realization" is found through nature, with New Mexico as the background for lyrics about canyon and gorge, thrush and wren, Indians and Indian ceremonials, etc. Occasionally, metaphysical ideas are expressed in terms of the great outdoors. Obvious sentiment, obvious versification. (11/2) $2.00

Whitaker, Arthur P. *Ed.* INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS, 1941 Columbia Univ. Press

The first volume in a proposed annual series, this surveys the developments, in the fields of culture society, health, labor, politics, diplomacy, economics, finance, relating to Canada, the United States and the 20 republics of Latin America - both national and international. Reference material primarily, for students. There is an introductory section on half a century of inter-American relations. $3.00

Beer, Ethel S. DAY NURSERY Dutton

Announcing a new edition of a book that was published "before its time". Now-with day nurseries being rapidly incorporated into the pattern of war industry and war centers, the demand for the book jumped daily. This new edition is being published with a foreword by Dr. Joseph H. Kenyon. Call to attention of local authorities. (11/2) $2.00

Roosevelt, Franklin D. ROOSEVELT'S FOREIGN POLICY Wilfred Funk
Unedited Speeches and Messages 1933 - 1941

This includes public letters and papers, messages to Congress, executive orders, proclamations, fireside chats, public addresses, chronologically arranged so that they give focus to the constructive development of the president's foreign policy and policy of national defense since his inauguration. A reference book primarily, though one could wish for a more imaginative type of index. I tried to locate several half-remembered phrases, and found myself stymied by the bald factual index. The book is printed on surfaced paper, and is unnecessarily heavy. No photographs. $3.75

Martineau, Harriet RETROSPECT OF WESTERN TRAVEL Harper

Announcing an interesting publishing item - a two volume, boxed, facsimile edition of an 1838 publication, the classic report on American experiences by this noted traveler. This is in celebration of Harper & Brother's 125th Anniversary. $4.00

Griffin, Alexander HERE COME THE MARINES! Howell, Soskin

Engagements, exploits, adventures of the Leathernecks, from 1803 to present day. With the lead off of the suicidal defense of Wake Island, back to Tripoli, the British Navy, pirates, the Seminole Indians, Fiji cannibals, Africans, Mexicans, Koreans, Samoans, Boxers, Koros, and the famous exploits associated with their name. There is Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood; there is the episode of stopping a prison mutiny, of keeping face in Japan, of stringing a telegraph wire in the jungles, of becoming a king

in Haiti; there are famous figures of the tough Devil Dogs, - O'Bannon, Wainwright, Henderson, Scott, Zeilin, Smedley Butler, Faustin Wirkus, (King of La Gonave), and of Schilt, aviator in Nicaragua. Good material for today, decidedly not pedantic, and highlighting achievements and daring deeds, personal and corps courage. (11/5) $2.00

Loesser, Arthur HUMOR IN AMERICAN SONG Howell, Soskin

From the satirical songs of the American Revolution through the popular songs in the army of the first World War. All types are here, - minstrel songs, college songs, barbershop ballads, army and navy ditties, songs of cowboys, sailors, coalminers. I got quite a kick out of the amusing subheads, - "Blue Tory Noses", "Apron Strings", etc. Running notes, introductory material give a background for the basis of selection and a good historical and topical setting. The author is musician, wit and journalist, in Cleveland, Ohio. Words and music - and entertaining line drawings by Samuel Adler. Arrangements by Alfred Kugel. (11/5) $3.75

Welling, Richard AS THE TWIG IS BENT Putnam

Crusader, reformer, with civic consciousness tells of his life in bettering politics, education, and the problems with which he had to contend. Of his family life, years at Harvard, where he met Teddy Roosevelt, with whom he sided in New York, and of his early years in law, from which he emerged into the Good Government clubs, the National Self Government Committee, the Junior Republics, and many other good works groups, he writes, at 84, with a still youthful enthusiasm, chronicling successes and failures with good nature. For civic minded particularly. Illustrated $3.00

Baxter, William T. JEWELRY, GEM CUTTING AND METALCRAFT Whittlesey

This is a revised edition of a book that is of increasing value as the handicraft which it deals with increases in popularity as a hobby. There is sound advice on tools and how to use them, illustrated by photographs; there is discussion of materials and their sources; instructions for casting rings, cutting gems, identification of gem stones and minerals. The gem cutting section has been completely rewritten, to take new methods and new conditions into consideration. The author is instructor in art metal and jewelry at the Woodrow Wilson High School in Washington. A confessedly untrained observer, I felt the material on method was better than on design. $2.75

Collins, Clella Reeves THE NAVY WOMAN'S HANDBOOK Whittlesey

There seems no end to these - *Army Wife, Navy Wife, So Your Husband's Gone To War*, and so on. This is very much like the others - a reference book rather than a book for reading. The first section is devoted to benefits and protection that can be had through the Navy, in case of death of the husband. In business-like manner, it goes into details that the Navy wife should have at her fingertips in the line of legal papers. It brings out opportunities open to Navy families. This is all treated explicitly, and in legal terminology, with examples of documents and wording of clauses. The second half deals with social forms of the Navy, much of which is not as valid now as in times of peace. And there is variation with different stations. But the general rules should be of help to any Navy wife. Also included are miscellaneous problems such as advice on moving, income tax, mail property rights, relief organizations, legal aids. $2.

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The Christmas Holiday Book Lists have gone to press. We have ordered a small overrun and will be glad to fill late orders, whenever possible. First come, first serve.

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RELIGIOUS BOOK SUPPLEMENT: No. 5

Edited by E. King

Considine, John J. ACROSS A WORLD Longmans, Green

The world mission effort of the Catholic Church is presented through the eyes of a priest who journeyed from Rome through Asia and across the Dark Continent. Interesting travelogue with sidelights on history and conditions, and anecdotes of many out-of-the-way peoples whose faces are today involved with ours in a world war. Scenes of life among India's aboriginies, in a parish village, in a leper colony; visits to the tomb of St. Francis Xavier, Taj Mahal and Angkor Vat are among the wealth of experiences recounted. The author's reports of work being done by the missionaries and their reactions and problems are revealing, and their heroism and devotion inspiring.

The maps are useful and decorative, and the many illustrations, with informative captions, support the mood of the book. The 8 pages of statistical charts of Catholic missions, and an appendix of missionary personnel, present a clear picture of the extent of the Catholic effort. (Publ.) $2.50

Devan, S. Arthur ASCENT TO ZION Macmillan

The author asks for more attention to worship, and favors an increase of liturgical forms. He believes that ritual and ceremony must be thought through, and appeals for speedy and drastic reformation in American Protestantism. He not only discusses the philosophy and history of worship in general but also that of architecture and music. He gives practical and useful suggestions regarding use of light, color, decoration, symbolism, music, as well as liturgy, and discusses religious education and its importance in preparing the young for public worship. For ministers, educators, students and all leaders connected with worship. The author is a Baptist minister. (Publ.) $2.00

Doherty, Martin W. THE HOUSE ON HUMILITY STREET Longmans, Green

* As the son of the Chicago Chief of Police, this priest began his career as a reporter, covering sordid murder cases for the Chicago Tribune. He then went to Rome to study in the North American College, and describes his college life in vivid, colorful terms, backed up by Middle-Western sense of humor. This autobiography reveals Father Marty's robust zest for living and his humanity proclaims him the friend of all men. Although this book is primarily for Catholics, it should be of interest to non-Catholic readers who like biography. (Publ.) $3.00

Eakin, M. M. & F. E. YOUR CHILD'S RELIGION Macmillan

* This book is readable and practical because the advice is given in a series of concrete stories -- actual experiences with young people. This book does not tell you how to make your child religious but how to do your best to be sure that his religiousness shall be enlightened, enriching and strengthening. The first 5 chapters (on *God, Prayer, Jesus, Death, the Bible*), deal with the personal side of a child's religion, while the remainder deal with his social life in school, church, home and community, with his attitudes toward other religious, races and nations, and the underprivileged, and there is a final chapter which looks ahead toward adolescence. The reading suggestions and evaluations at the end of the book are helpful. An excellent little book for church leaders, public school teachers and parents. (Publ.) $1.75

Eddy, Sherwood MAN DISCOVERS GOD Harper

* Through the lives of more than 30 men, covering a span of almost 30 centuries, we see the various and, sometimes, unconventional ways in which God and faith can be discovered. With the help of biographical details and with quotations from the writings of each man, Dr. Eddy succeeds in giving us a clear impression in little space. This is a book for the devout, for the general reader and for the skeptic who cannot fail to be impressed by the unusual spirit and accomplishments of some of the characters, especially those like Booker Washington, Gandhi, Reinhold Niebuhr and Albert Schweitzer. The fundamentalist, also, should find food for thought in these individual discoveries of God which cannot be forced into any standard pattern of experience.

These pathfinders include Plato, some of the Jewish prophets, the apostles, St. Augustine, Francis of Assisi, Pascal, George Fox, Luther, Sir Isaac Newton, Pasteur, Tolstoy, William Rainey Harper and others. (Publ.) $2.50

Furfey, Paul Hanly A HISTORY OF SOCIAL THOUGHT Macmillan

Beginning with primitive society, the author goes through world history, summarizing the philosophy and statements of leaders of thought in the ancient world, Middle Ages, and modern times. As a Catholic, he sees a steady loss in morality from the Middle Ages to the present. In the 11th to 13th centuries he traces a general acceptance of divine law, known by season and revelation and providing a norm of morality for individuals and peoples. For the next 5 centuries he sees a weakening of the supernatural world view, due to the rise of bourgeoisie capitalism and its emphasis on material things. The internationalism of the Holy See lost ground, as nationalism and secular faith began to rise. Science began to intoxicate the mind of man, so that he vainly tried to find in it a complete philosophy of life.

The author says that the Catholic viewpoint does not hold with laissez-faire capitalism, with imperialistic nationalism, with the rugged individualism of U. S., nor with totalitarian philosophies rampant today. For guidance in thinking through our modern problems he refers all Catholics to the social encyclicals of Pope Pius XI and XII. A book for earnest readers and students. (Publ.) $2.50

Gilkey, James Gordon HOW TO BE YOUR BEST Macmillan

* The minister of the South Congregational Church in Springfield, Mass., already well-known as a writer, gives us a shot-in-the-arm book of "applied psychology." Here is concrete help for the ordinary difficulties of life; how to gain faith, serenity, mental power, hidden resources; how to overcome worry, fear and self-depreciation. The author draws on biographical and historical incidents to illustrate his points, and the book is well-sprinkled with quotations from verse. For anyone who needs a tonic for trouble -- whether religious or non-religious. (Publ.) $1.00

Hart, Mother Elizabeth MARY OF THE MAGNIFICAT Sheed & Ward

A 58-page book about the inner life and thought of Mary, the Virgin Mother of Nazareth. Catholics and others will like this beautifully designed and printed little book, with covers and jacket in blue, the Virgin's color. A pretty gift book for any time. $1.00

Kirkland, Winifred THE MAN OF THE HOUR Macmillan

The life of Jesus is told here, but skillfully woven into our contemporary life at the same time. The creative processes of Jesus' mind come forward to illuminate our own present-day questions such as "Does the England of today readily accord the blessings of the Kingdom of Heaven to the Hindoo or South African? Do we Americans readily permit the blessings of Jesus's New Order to the Negro or Oriental?"

The book gives the story of Jesus entrance into history, and how the world received him. His contact with other men -- Peter, the rock; Simon, the snob; the rich young man who chose to be safe; Judas, who failed to live up to the best that was in him. Here is given the Dream of the Builder, and his revelation which has flashed upon us the vistas of immortality; and the lesson for us today in the contrast between Pilate, who was limited to the world he could see and touch, and Jesus, whose world was illimitable and unseen. General market. (Publ.) $2.00

McGratty, A. R. FACE TO THE SUN Bruce

Although many Americans do not consider General Franco the deliverer of Spain, this story of the Civil War, beginning in 1931, with its defense of the Alcazar, Teruel and other events, is fair reading as a story, at times full of suspense, and always a picture of the sorrows, horrors and cruelties of war, regardless of whose side the reader may be on. The publisher presents this book as a "truthful story of the ravages of Communism in Spain." Not all readers will agree with the interpretation given by the author, but all will agree that war, and this particular civil war, was hell! Primarily for the Catholic market. (Publ.) $3.50

McWilliams, J. A. PHILOSOPHY FOR THE MILLIONS Macmillan

Deal with philosophy of individual, state, religion and history and shows where philosophy for the millions ran off the track. Kant, Hegel, Hobbes, Descartes, Marx, Dewey and others, in this author's opinion, helped in the confusion. He believes that much philosophy of the immediate past has been the spurious offshoot of the theory of evolution; that we have accepted a machine philosophy and a scientific theory which makes man the victim of environment and heredity, which led us to set up our material world as a false god.

To find the way out, we must recognize the moral law that flows from God, recognize that there is a life other than this temporal one. The author makes a plea for a return to individual morality with its basic constituents of intelligence, free will and destiny to another life, for without these there can be no solution of social and economic problems. When this God-given morality becomes the philosophy of the millions, then can we progress to a better order here on earth. This is for the serious reader rather than for those who wish to pick up their philosophy on the run. This book is not "popular reading" as the title might indicate. Again a Catholic viewpoint. (Publ.) $2.00

Morrison, Charles Clayton THE CHRISTIAN AND THE WAR Willett, Clark

* This collection of editorials, first printed in the Christian Century, is an excellent discussion and probing of the Christian's attitude during war time. War is hell, a judgment upon us for our sins of the past, so that pacifism as formulated has proved to be a failure to face the situation. He believes, of course, in toleration of conscientious objectors, but also shows how untenable their position is. An excellent book for the non-religious, as well as religious, who want help in thinking through the actuality of war. (Publ.) $1.50

Mother St. Paul SPIRITUAL READINGS FROM MOTHER ST. PAUL Longmans, Green

Meditations on the Gospels of Sundays and certain Feast Days, selected from the "Christi" books. Here in one volume is the essence of the writings of Mother St. Paul. The stock of volumes, formerly containing her work, was largely destroyed in the London bombing and fire of December 1940. (Publ.) $3.00

Pope Pius XI SOCIAL WELLSPRINGS -- VOL. II Bruce

This book of encyclicals of social reconstruction is strongly recommended by most Catholics to Catholics as a basis for rethinking the social problems that must be solved now and after the war. (Publ.) $4.00

Douglass, Earl L.- Edited by SNOWDEN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS 1943 Edition Macmillan

This annual volume follows the weekly International Sunday School Lesson and is designed to help the teacher demonstrate the teachings of the Bible. There is an outline for each lesson, the emphasized points are in bold type, and questions and discussion topics are given. (Publ.) $1.50

Timasheff, N.S. RELIGION IN SOVIET RUSSIA Sheed and Ward

Describing the attack on religion in Russia during the past 25 years, the author illustrates his book with many specific and particularized instances both of the propaganda and cruelties of the atheists, and of the resistance of the people who refused to forsake religion. The author was teaching in Petrograd at the time of the Revolution and has collected much documentary evidence to support all statements made in the book. He reports a change in attitude in recent years, however, his contention being that the Communist State has had to yield not only to the Russian people, but to her allies in war; that Stalin is now giving God lip-service in order to impress Americans and the conquered peoples of Europe.

The author, no doubt, has a greal deal on his side, but a thoroughly documented book does not necessarily represent a whole or completely truthful picture. An atheist writing in this U. S., for instance, can build up a magnificent documentary case to show that Christianity has utterly failed -- witness the shooting of miners in Harlan, Ky., the shooting of strikers in Detroit, the lynching of Negros, our treatment of migratory workers, sharecroppers and other underprivileged.

Dr. Timasheff has taught at Harvard, and is now at Fordaham University.
(Publ.) $2.00

New Bibles

Moffatt, James D. D., Litt.d. THE SHORTER MOFFATT BIBLE Harper

A pocket-size,readers edition of this popular modern translation (Publ.)$2.00

Notkin, Louise M.-Edited by THE BIBLE FOR EVERDAY READING Samuel Curl

Published late last year under the title of "The Quotable Bible," this new edition is priced at $1.98

THE BLUE STAR BIBLE World Publishing Company

This is intended as a special Bible in homes where men are in service. It is bound in white leather, with a service flag on the cover. There is a Blue Star presentation page and service record. Readers' Aids include 8 colored maps - 16 full page illustration of which 8 are in full color. Brevier Type.... We must confess that it is hard for us to realize there may be a market for this. You will know better than we do.
(Published) Boxed $3.00

Teale, Edwin Way Supplementary Report on NEAR HORIZONS Dodd, Mead

Have you any memories of childhood relating to discovery of a lovely secret place, of the adventure and zest of that discovery? Perhaps some such impression was responsible for what - in retrospect - seems an unfair report (see P. 545) on this new book which Mr. Teale has written about his insect garden. *Grassroot Jungles* was just such an experience - an eyeopening adventure in a new world. *Near Horizons* was a return to that enchanting world, and the sense of newness was no longer there, the thrill of discovery was lacking. But - on reappraisal of the new volume, one discovers much that is new and revealing, both by way of expansion of material lightly touched upon before and wholly fresh and unfamiliar stories of the insect world (butterfly battles; the production of froth nests by frog hoppers; the life stories of paper-making wasps, of angular-winged katydids, of water striders, of the ant lion; data on moles and birds not treated in *Grassroot Jungles;* mysteries of another world close to us but virtually unseen). Then, of course, there are 160 superb photographs, previously mentioned. *Near Horizons* is recommended for boys and girls on P. 583. And listed in the Holiday Book List now on press. So please give the book another chance if you were discouraged by our reader's first reaction. $3.75

Brown, William F. HOW TO TRAIN HUNTING DOGS A. S. Barnes

* Failing the accessibility of a professional trainer, this seems a reliable, practical and complete book for the sportsman who wants the experience of training his own dogs. He discusses in detail pointing dogs, sporting spaniels, retrievers, the history of each breed, the standards, the uses and how to educate the dogs for the field. Photographs of breed and action pictures illustrate the text. Clear concise, informative. $2.50

Barnes Dollar Sports Series

Grombach, John V. TOUCH FOOTBALL A. S. Barnes

The first book explaining touch football, including official rules. Fundamentals, principles of formation explained in text and pictures. The book has been especially prepared for men in training. The author, Lt. Col. U. S. Army, Olympic athelete.

Stafford, G. T. & Duncan, Ray O. PHYSICAL CONDITIONING A. S. Barnes

Addressed to coach and athlete, but important to everyone today. Simple, clear directions, step-by-step diagrams, special exercises for special purposes.

Farrington, S. Kip Jr. PACIFIC GAME FISHING Coward, McCann

Companion to *Atlantic Game Fishing*, and illustrated by the same artist, Lynn Bogue Hunt, which insures a substantial gift book market among sportsmen everywhere. There is a contagious enthusiasm in the writing which will make this good reading for the enforcedly armchair deep sea fishing fraternity. It is a chatty, personal adventure log, packed with the author's experiences and those of other sportsmen, and covering - in addition - methods and techniques, traveling facilities, bait, equipment, boats, guides. Broadbill, tuna, merlin and other game fish of the Pacific, from the coast of South America and North America to the Hawaiian Islands, New Zealand and Australia. (11/2) $5.00

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FOR THE PICTURE BOOK AGE

MacNeil, Marion Gill PINKY AND HIS PALS: *A Bumpy Book* Oxford

A paper-covered book with plastic ring binding, in a pale blue box, - this is one of the worst. Page one is Pinky Elephant a raised non-realistic creature in pink with hanging blue tongue; page two in Carrie Boo, a raised brown sad, sitting creature; page three is Allie Gator, a green raised prancing horror, and so on for a total of seven. We suppose that baby is to feel these. But we should call it a flop. (Published) $1.00

Buck, Pearl S. THE CHINESE CHILDREN NEXT DOOR John Day

It is bedtime for four little Americans, and their mother tells them stories of her youth in China and about the Chinese family who lived next door. In this natural way the children learn about China and its customs, and about a family consisting of six daughters and, at last, one son. The author's profound understanding of our great ally gives this real significance, and her reputation should carry the book to good sales. Illustrated by William Arthur Smith in black and white. (11/5) $1.50

Hall, William WATCH THE PONY GROW Crowell

Pony books are at a premium this season, so this picture book in which - page by page - one follows the pony's growth from babyhood to maturity, should prove a favorite. It is, unquestionably, a somewhat class limited book, but since every normal child yearns for a pony, its actual interest will extend beyond the monied group. I could wish the publishers had not yielded to the temptation to have the baby pony coated with a textured finish. It is getting pretty trite this year. Pictures by Charlotte Steiner. Board covers; ring binding. (Published) $1.00

Bindrum, Elsie THE LITTLE COVERED BRIDGE Lothrop, Lee & Shepard

Printed on greyish paper with offset illustrations by the author in a reddish brown, this is an amusing New England story. Higgleby and Gramp always argued as to who owned the little bridge, but after they had had to seek shelter in it during the terrible flood they patched up their differences. (Published) $1.00

Morris, Dudley MIKE THE MONK Putnam

The author-illustrator of *The Truck That Flew* tells of a monkey who was torpedoed out of a convoy, of Captain Albatross and a whale. Amusing and exciting and of timely interest. (Published) $2.00

Jackson, Kathryn & Byron THE RABBIT WHO HAD FOUR LUCKY FEET Simon & Schuster

An original idea in a story about a Belgian hare that had a boy for a pet and of how - through using his six wishes - they get an ideal home and live happily ever after. It is a pretty book, too, with the ingenious method of building the wish home with upstanding flaps, but oh how perishable in a youngster's hands. (Publ.) $1.00

Bishop, Claire Huchet THE MAN WHO LOST HIS HEAD Viking

* This is sure to be amusing to all children from about five to seven, the story is catching and the pictures by Robert McCloskey funny in every detail. Once a man sat bolt upright in bed overcome with horror because he had lost his head. He decided to look for it at the Fair, tried a pumpkin, then a turnip, finally a wooden block to replace his missing part. While searching he enjoyed the gaiety and finally got help from a headstrong freckle-faced boy. Due for a big sale. (Published) $1.00

BOOKS TO READ ALOUD (6-9)

Jones, Elizabeth Orton TWIG Macmillan

Judging by the publisher's advertising campaign this is one of their pets for the season but we feel that the Tregarthen book *The Doll Who Came Alive* (see page 479) for the same aged girl has far more charm. However there is always room in this group and you will have to judge for yourself. Twig lived on the fourth floor of a "high sort of a house" in the city with the back-yard and its occupants as her interest in life. She wished for a fairy to live in a beautiful tomato can when lo! and behold along came a little elf. They received a visit from the Fairy Queen, fixed up the little house, and Twig became minute herself. Enchantment in drab surroundings, as the child found her own fantasy in the world. (11/17) $2.00

Johnson, Osa SNOWBALL: *Adventures of a Young Gorilla* Random House

This has the same type of format as *Fighting Planes* and others put out by this house and its a nice one. This is a true story which is listed here because we feel that an adult's comments and interpretations increase the value of this type of book. Mrs. Johnson found Snowball on one of her trips to the Belgian Congo, she bought him from the natives, had many amusing experiences because of his pranks, brought him over to this country and finally placed him in the New York Zoo. Illustrated by Arthur August Jansson. (Published) $1.50

Donahey, William TEENIE WEENIE TOWN Whittlesey

Every child likes to play with the idea of tiny creatures that can use acorns for drinking cups - or cradles - and that live a miniature life of their own. Here is a story, episodic in character, which carries out this idea. It has been done before, and in more original fashion, but this has a fairly dependable appeal, and the pictures in line and color, are charming. (Published) $1.75

STORY BOOKS FOR THE 9-12's

Turner, Nancy Byrd SYCAMORE SILVER Dodd, Mead

A story of hidden treasure in the mountainous part of Virginia. Fifty years ago Pat went to visit at her ancestral home where she found adventure, companionship and amusing animals. Their search was for the buried family silver. (11/10) $2.00

Wilder, Laura Ingalls THESE HAPPY GOLDEN YEARS Harper

Illustrated by Helen Sewell and Mildred Boyle, and a splendid addition to the other fine books in the series. In this Laura, not yet sixteen, goes off to teach school at the Brewster Settlement; her trials are hard with the sour Mrs. Brewster, the extreme cold, the problems of the pupils. Her happiness comes with Almanzo Wilder, whom she marries at the end of the book. (~~11/late~~) Spring 1943 $2.00

Story Parade Series RAINBOW BOOK Winston

This seventh book in the series has an introduction by Ruth Sawyer and has the usual imposing list of authors and illustrators. Like many adults, many children loathe short stories but there are always some who adore them, when you find the latter, here is your answer. Good material for library story hours, as there is considerable age span. (Publ.) $2.00

FACT BOOKS FOR THE 9-12's

Sondergaard, Arensa THEY WENT EXPLORING Harper

* With its illustrations by Cornelius DeWitt, this is indeed a welcome and inspiring book from its description of the early Minoan fleets to its final sentence that "the age of exploration is not over". The panoramic story covers such men as Alexander, Magellan, Columbus, Livingstone, Cook, Byrd and so forth. (Publ.) $1.50

Eberle, Irmengarde OUR OLDEST FRIENDS Holiday House

A fine book copiously illustrated by Marguerite Kirmse, made up of fascinating stories of the evolution of our three closest animal friends, the dog, horse and cat. This might be the answer for teaching various phases of history to slow students who are animal crazy. A valuable book for schools and libraries and one that will be welcome in many homes. (11/12) $2.00

Banning, Kendall SUBMARINE: The Story of Undersea Fighters Random House

* A companion volume to *Fighting Planes of the World*, illustrated by Charles Rosner, this is one of the most interesting books we have seen. For some reason we were very hazy on this subject and found this particularly clear. It will obviously have an enormous sale. (Publ.) $1.00

CLASSICS - REPRINTS - INEXPENSIVE JUVENILES

Var Tan Ian, ill. AMERICA IN ACTION Action Playbooks, Inc.

Do you remember how the Tony Sarg action book intrigued the public? Well, here is one that will be on every active boy's Christmas list because of 3-dimensional action features which are jammed into twenty big pages. It has a Flying Fortress paper model to build, clicker for radio messages, paper gun, defense stamp book, flags of the United Nations, a stamp package, military insignias, radio code, paper gloves, and so forth. A sure-fire merchandising item. (Published) $1.00

Marge LAUGHS WITH LITTLE LULU McKay

Oh what a girl is Lulu, we love her and if you agree you will have a grand time with this one! (Publ.) $1.00

FOR THE 12 - 15 YEAR OLDS - Fiction

Gardiner, Frederic M. STAND BY--MARK! Dodd, Mead

A career book about "Dynamite Duncan" otherwise known as "Electric Eye" because of his uncanny powers of observance. Part of the story takes place at the Naval Academy, then comes Pearl Harbor and the boy sees all kinds of action. He goes with the Naval Intelligence because of his unusual faculty. (11/10) $2.00

Jacobs, Emma Atkins TRAILER TRIO Winston

This is the story of Maleta, Anne and Roger who drive "Worry Wart" from South Dakota west to Idaho. The three have to fend for themselves while they find excitement and fun. This type of experience is over for awhile but the kids will like to read about it. Illustrated by Pelagie Doane. (Publ.) $2.00

BOOKS FOR USE BY PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Golden, S. E., Ed. PLAYS OF PATRIOTISM Dodd, Mead

A good collection of plays which are short and have suggestions for staging. As each is a story stressing patriotism during various periods of our history or of one of our Allies, they should prove very useful. (11/10) $2.50

Alschuler, Rose H. CHILDREN'S CENTERS Morrow

Excellent handbook and guide for the establishment of pre-school children's centers so that mother's can do war work. Discusses equipment, staff, routine, work with parents, volunteers, etc. Bibliography. For fuller report see page 544. (11/25) (11/25) Paper, $1.00 Paper $1.00, Cloth $1.50

Eakin, M. M. & F. E. YOUR CHILD'S RELIGION Macmillan

* This book is readable and practical because the advice is given in a series of concrete stories -- actual experiences with young people. This book does not tell you how to make your child religious but how to do your best to be sure that his religiousness shall be enlightened, enriching and strenthening. The first 5 chapters (on *God, Prayer, Jesus, Death, the Bible*), deal with the personal side of a child's religion, while the remainder deal with his social life in school, church, home and community, with his attitudes toward other religions, races and nations, and the underprivileged, and there is a final chapter which looks ahead toward adolescence. The reading suggestions and evaluations at the end of the book are helpful. An excellent little book for church leaders, public school teachers and parents. (Publ.) $1.75

ADULT BOOKS FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS - Fiction

Goodman, Jack, Ed. THE FIRESIDE BOOK OF DOG STORIES Simon & Schuster

Comprehensive collection for all tastes, including, Jack London, W.H. Hudson, Kipling, Davis, E. B. White, Don Marquis, Kantor's *Voice of Bugle Ann*, Street's *Biscuit Eater*, etc. Introduction by James Thurber. Fuller report page 534. December. $3.00

ADULT BOOKS FOR OLDER BOYS AND GIRLS - Non-Fiction

Teale, Edwin Way NEAR HORIZONS Dodd, Mead

More fascinating discussion of his insect garden, facts which are most surprising, remarks on pests, such as found in his *Grassroot Jungles*. Fuller report see page 545. Illustrated photographs. (Published) $3.75

Johnston, Stanley QUEEN OF THE FLAT-TOPS Dutton

* Full picture of the *U.S.S. Lexington*, her building, equipment, personnel, tests, her story in the Pacific. Wonderful jacket. For fuller report see page 538. Ill. (Publishing) $3.00

Carse, Robert THERE GO THE SHIPS Morrow

Illustrated by Gordon Grant. This is the true tale of a present-day voyage to Murmansk and back as told by an A.B. on his first convoy job. Sincere and full of characters. Full report page 544. (11/25) $2.00

Herlin, Emil, maps
Brown, Francis, text THE WAR IN MAPS Oxford
An Atlas of New York Times Maps

Seventy-four excellent maps with captions, running history and analysis of the areas of warfare. Fuller description page 539. (11/5) $1.50

Steinbeck, John BOMBS AWAY Viking
The Story of a Bomber Team

Is there any boy today whose imagination is not fired by the exploits of our bombers? Here is an adult book that will find a permanent place with boys, - in a factual record of a group that might make up a bomber team, in true stories of actual boys who became pilot, bombadier, gunner, radio man, navigator and crew chief. The very element that may make this disappoint some Steinbeck fans - the sense of repetition, as he repeats part of the training schedule in order to make each man's record complete, will add to its value for boys. (See Page 536 for full report) (11/27) $2.50

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK - November 15th - 21st

Still time to make some plans. Have you tied in with the book week schedule of your local schools and libraries; have you offered to send exhibits out, and perhaps to talk on children's books to Parent-Teacher groups; have you invited people interested in children's books to come to the shop and look over the new children's books?

Make a special effort to plan - and execute - an attractive Book Week window, and to follow through with effective displays inside the shop.

Advice and help can still be had through Publishers Weekly. It's not too late.